

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



MAKE A DIFFERENCE BLOOMINGTON STUDENTS IN NEED OF MENTORS

ARE YOU WILLING to make a difference in a young person's life? You can give the invaluable gift of friendship by mentoring a Bloomington elementary student through the Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Program. Mentoring a child at school or in the community is easy and the rewards are countless for both you and your "little." Contact Human Services to learn more about how to get matched with an area youth.

The recruitment of mentors is a joint effort of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities and Bloomington Human Services.

Big Brothers Big Sisters helps children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with mentors.

For more information, visit www.bigstwincities.org.

RESOURCES ABOUND HUMAN SERVICES FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES

BLOOMINGTON HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDES exceptional programs and services to community members of all ages. Programs and services are accessible to youth, families, multicultural communities, active, aging adults and people with disabilities. For more information, call Human Services at 952-563-4944 V/TTY.

To sign up for e-mail updates, go to our website, click on E-Subscribe and subscribe to "Human Services."

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: HUMAN SERVICES.



VETERANS WALL HONORS PHOTO COLLECTION ON DISPLAY

THE CITY WILL PAY TRIBUTE to local military veterans with a collection of photographs honoring the men and women who served our country. The photo wall will be on display at Creekside

Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South, throughout the month of November. The Veterans Wall continues to grow each year.

Don't miss the special luncheon at Creekside to honor Bloomington's veterans on **Monday, November 9, 11:30 a.m.** To make a lunch reservation call 952-563-4948.

If you would like to submit a photo of yourself or a loved one in uniform, visit Creekside or call Human Services.

PROVIDING REAL OPPORTUNITIES DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AND AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER IS **DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AND AWARENESS MONTH (DEAM)**. It is a month in which many cities all over the country present programs designed to bring a new level of awareness to employers, business leaders and job seekers regarding hiring people with disabilities. The Bloomington Human Rights Commission, in partnership with the Disability Awareness Planning Committee, will be providing opportunities throughout October to learn about job searching skills, resume writing, interviewing, self-advocacy skills and more. For more information, contact Human Services.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: DEAM.

GOING FOR THE GOLD IZUMI CITY RUNNER TO RACE IN TWIN CITIES MARATHON

COME AND CHEER ON Izumi City, Japan runner Kazutomi Sakaguchi on **Sunday, October 4**, when he competes in the 2009 Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon as part of the Bloomington Sister City Organization (BSCO) marathon exchange program.

The marathon exchange program not only brings together athletes, but builds relationships between marathon runners and host families.

Peggy Herrmann, an employee of Bloomington-based Donaldson

Company, and her family will be hosting Sakaguchi during his stay in Bloomington.

Herrmann said she and her family are very excited about the program.

"We enjoy the Japanese culture immensely and look forward to learning more about it through this experience," Hermann said.

For more information, call BSCO at 952-563-8713 or e-mail sistercity@ci.bloomington.mn.us.



Friends, family and 2008 Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon participants celebrating their accomplishments at the finish line in front of the State Capitol.



ACTING FOR LIFE FUN, NEW THEATER WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE

ACTING FOR LIFE: A Senior Theatre Workshop and Conference hopes to inspire the development of senior theater in Minnesota. Try out your acting skills and enjoy workshops in improvisation, storytelling, old-time radio theater and more. The Acting for Life workshop will be held **Friday, October 9, 1 - 4 p.m.**, at the Guthrie Theater, 818 South 2nd Street, Minneapolis. The conference will take place **Saturday, October 10, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**, at Bloomington Civic Theatre, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.

The Acting for Life workshop is presented by the Minnesota Creative Arts and Aging Network in partnership with Bloomington Human Services, Bloomington Civic Theatre, the Vital Aging Network and SHiFT.

For more information, contact Human Services.

LOAVES AND FISHES TIMELY INFORMATION, RESOURCES AND A GOOD MEAL



LOAVES AND FISHES WELCOMES those in need of a free, nutritious meal to dine at its Creekside Community Center location. A fresh meal is served by volunteers **every Monday - Friday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.** Staff from various local agencies, in partnership with Human Services, will be available monthly to provide timely information and opportunities to all Bloomington residents in need.

Mark your calendars for upcoming topics:

- **October 5** – Home maintenance assistance, emergency assistance and healthy living tips.
- **November 9** – Planning for holiday food and meals.

For more information, contact Human Services.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Did you know just \$50 pays for 17 meals? To donate to or volunteer for Loaves and Fishes, visit www.loavesandfishesmn.org or call 612-377-9810.



DID YOU KNOW?

Translated City information is available in Chinese, Hmong, Russian and Somali online at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us.

TRANSLATION NEEDED - NO PROBLEM LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE TO SERVE YOU BETTER

THE CITY PROVIDES **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION** in the primary languages of Bloomington residents. Human Services works with residents and other City departments to translate information important to providing quality services. In addition, individuals can contact Human Services and request an interpreter to help them better understand City services and information. Wait times vary for interpreters depending on language requested.

LA CIUDAD DE BLOOMINGTON SE ESFUERZA EN PROVEER INFORMACIÓN esencial en los idiomas principales a los residentes de Bloomington. El Departamento de Servicios Humanos trabajará con los residentes y con otros departamentos para traducir la información necesaria para proveer servicios de buena calidad. Además, las personas pueden ponerse en contacto con la oficina de Servicios Humanos y solicitar un intérprete para que les ayude a entender mejor los servicios que la ciudad ofrece y pedir información. El tiempo de espera por intérpretes varía dependiendo del idioma solicitado.